(b) Himachal Pradesh Government has informed that it has issued a Notification No. Udyog. II (Chh) 5-6/92 dated 20 Sept., 1995 imposing a total ban on excavation/collection of sand, bajari and stones and all other mining activities including slate quarries along the banks of River Beas right from its source upto pandoh Dam and its tributaries Malasu, Chhaki and Baragraon Nalahs and the entire River Ravi in Chamba District.

राष्ट्रीय युवा परिषद का गठन

2316. श्री राम जेठमलानी: क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने देश में युवाओं के विकास के लिये राष्ट्रीय युवा परिषद का गठन किया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या उपरोक्त परिषद ने भारतीय युवाओं के विकास के लिये अब तक कुछ सुझाव प्रस्तुत किये हैं;

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(घ) क्या सरकार उपरोक्त परिषद को सक्रिय बनाते हुए इसे विकास कार्य से जोड़ने के लिये कोई नये उपाय कर रही है; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय में युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर० धनुषकोडी आदित्यन): (क) यद्यपि, भारत सरकार द्वारा राष्ट्रीय युवा परिषद का गठन 10 अक्तूबर, 1990 को किया गया था, फिर भी उक्त परिषद को 13 मार्च, 1992 को "राष्ट्रीय युवा कार्यक्रम संबंधी समिति" के नाम से पुनर्गठित किया गया था।

(ख) जी, हां।

(ग) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

(घ) जी, नहीं।

(ङ) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

Introduction of Shatabdi Express between Calicut-Thiruvananthapuram

2317. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce Shatabdi Express between Thiruvananthapuram and Calicut via Alappuzher; and

(b) if so, when the service is expected to start?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Clearance of Chivale Irrigation Project in Kolhapur, Maharashtra

2318. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a letter from the Minister of Forests, Government of Maharashtra, requesting for grant of permission to use 34.12 hectare of land for Chivale Small Irrigation Project in Kolhapur Distt.; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS: (CAPTAIN JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) A letter from Minister of Irrigation and Command Area Development, Government of Maharashtra was received in, July, 1996, regarding proposal for diversion of 34.12 hectare of forest land required for construction of Chivale Minor Irrigation Project, Kolhapur district.

(b) The proposal has been rejected and the Minister of Irrigation and Command Area Development, Government of Maharashtra has been informed accordingly vide D.o. letter No. 8-65/95-FC dated 26th September, 1996.

BEL alarm system for unmanned railway level crossings

2319. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Electronics Limited has developed an automatic audio-visual alarm system for the unmanned level crossings;

(b) if so, whether these have been put on the trial; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The train actuated radio based audio-visual alarm system designed and developed by M/s Bharat Electronics Limited was tried out at two level crossings near Bangalore. The outcome of the trials on these two level crossings has been encouraging. Further, extended trials on nine more level crossings are underway on Northern, Southern and South-Central Railways.

Construction of Overbridge/Subway at Gate No. 245-A, Bhatinda

2320. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations dated 20-8-96, 11-9-96 and 29-10-96 from "Khooni Railway Fatak Hatao Sanghursh Committee, Bhatinda (Punjab)" demanding removal of Railway Gate No. 245-A situated near the Paras Ram Nagar, Bhatinda and construction of an overbridge or subway;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are taking steps to meet the public demand; and

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be taken up and completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Committee has demanded replacement of level crossing No. 245-A at Km. 297/10-11 on Bhatinda-Ferozepur section by a Road over/ underbridge. Railways construct Road over/ underbridges in lieu of busy level crossings on cost sharing basis, the proposal for which are made by the State Govt. agreeing to bear their share of cost. No proposal for construction of this bridge has been received from State Govt.

Appointment of Life Trustees in IGNCA

2321. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:
SHRI SAIFULLA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indira Gandh National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) has appointed life trustees;

(b) if so, whether life trustees could be appointed to public trusts fully funded by Government; and

(c) the remedial steps proposed to ensure the removal of absolute control by a few and to adopt democratic principles?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The life trustees in the Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts were appointed on the basis of amendment of the Trusteeship Deed of the Trust in accordance with the provisions contained therein. The Trust functions in accordance with the Deed and the rules made thereunder. The Trust in its meeting held on 18.5.1995 has incorporated five ex-officio trustees including two union Ministers, Chairperson of University Grants Commission, Chairperson of one of the National Akademies and Vice Chancellor of a University of Delhi.

Impact of consumption level on global environment

2322. SHRI MD. SALIM:
SHRI E. BALANANDAN:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have got any comparative data or analysis about the consumption level of developed and developing countries, India in particular, and its effect on global environment and ecology before dealing with the agenda of World Trade Organisation (WTO), particularly on environmental issues;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) to (c) Database on analysis about the consumption level if the developed and developing countries is not comprehensive. The data available are limited to only some economic sectors. The Government takes into consideration all relevant factors on environmental issues while dealing with World Trade Organization.